

Pappas Telecasting Company is 'donatiing' \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates. This is an example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Local interests are not served when a corporate headquarters provides one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.